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"So Bold" Announces Gay Visibility Day, Saturday, December 5

Members of Boulder's gay-lesbian-bisexual community are coming to Colorado Springs this Saturday, December 5, for an afternoon and evening of shopping, eating and dancing, and they would like for all of us to join them.

The So Bold group has invited everyone in Boulder to celebrate their homosexuality in Colorado Springs. They are planning an afternoon of shopping and restaurant hopping, all at The Citadel spending marked money, followed by the dance at Poor Richard's which, coincidentally, benefits the community center.

Boulder's gays and lesbians are doing this as their show of support for other gay and lesbian communities throughout Colorado. This is a great opportunity to spend a little time with our friends from Boulder, get some Christmas shopping done, and help make a quiet but powerful statement to the merchants of Colorado Springs. The more of us who attend, the more powerful the statement we'll be able to make.

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The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community uses the advertising revenue from *Community Vision* and money from annual dues (and generous donations!) to sponsor and finance the following activities:

- The annual Community Congress
- The annual Pride Week, including the Pride Parade
- The Helpline, answering over 1000 calls for information per year
- Referrals to 24 support groups/organizations in the Pikes Peak Area
- Publishing of *Community Vision* monthly

PPGLCC Mission Statements

The mission of the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center is to:

1. Assist lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people in reaching their full potential as human beings.
2. Promote understanding, cooperation, and a sense of community among lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.
3. Promote, within society at large, an appreciation of the history, culture and contributions of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.
4. Assist society at large in understanding the lives of lesbi ans, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.
5. Promote acceptance by society at large of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.

From the President—THANKS

On this day after Thanksgiving (yes, Community Vision is produced on a pretty tight schedule!), it feels appropriate to thank everyone for the success and the growth of the community center this year. And December seems a fitting month for these sentiments as well.

Thanks to everyone who has served, or is serving, on the center's board of directors during its restructuring: Alan Cook, Alan Gentry, Bruce Coriell, Cheryl C., Daphne C. , Deb Contreras, Dennis Lujan, Jacquelyn St. Gregory, Jill Roberts, John Mark Hild, Margi Duncombe, Marion Harrison, Marion Muhme, Martin Meier, Mark Merriman, Matt F., Pam Jones, and Regina Dipadova. And thanks to our senior staff, each of whom has taken responsibility for an important area of the center's functioning: Gary, Greg Varner, Lisa L. , Norma Berndt, Rod Fleming, and Tami Gaylor.

I'd like to particularly thank a few individuals whose contributions have been essential to the center's being where it is today. John Mark and Rod believed in my vision for the center, and for a while, while the center was reconstituting its board, the three of us were keeping the board going. Greg and Rod have made Community Vision the excellent publication it is. Tami has coordinated the Helpline through trying times, and it's stronger than ever. And Martin has doggedly pursued the creation of our space-age AudioText system that should be operational soon.

And, of course, the center would be nothing without its members. So thanks, every one of you!

– Robin Miller ▼

Board Meeting, November 21

Board members attending were Alan Cook, Margie Duncombe, Cheryl C., John Mark Hild, Martin Meier, Pam J., Robin Miller and Daphne C. Members in attendance were Tami Gaylor, Gary P., and Lisa L.

Martin Meier, Robin Miller, Alan Cook and Margie Duncombe will be placed on a list to be sent to newspapers and other media, allowing the media to have contact people when necessary.

The reception at the School District 11 networking program for those people who work with high risk students was well received. Alan Cook would like to send out a resource guide for assisting students. Districts 11 and 20 are being bombarded by the religious right. District 11 will work on setting up a week of cultural diversity. A report will be given at the next meeting by Alan Cook and the Youth & Family Outreach Committee.

The structure of the meetings was discussed. Most

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felt the meetings were long, but necessary. Robin Miller will send out an agenda prior to the meetings; if board members would like to add to it they can call her to do so. A corrected agenda will be passed out at the start of future board meetings. Members were asked to take the resonsibility to prepare for the meetings. Every committee will be asked to make a written report at each meeting. The board secretary will keep the reports on file.

A discussion was held on having a stronger community. If this is to be, we need to work with other organizations. Each board member will bring a list of proposed organizations to contact.

The Pikes Peak Justice & Peace Commission would like to bring in folk singer Charlie King in March, and would like the community center to help sponsor him. The finance committee will check into the possibility.

December 5th will be the date Poor Richard's will hold a fund raising dance for the community center, 8:00 to midnight.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 9:30 AM until noon. It will be in Room 213 of Worner Center at Colorado College, 5 West Cache la Poudre. ▼

Jubilee Boasts Record Attendance

There were LOTS of people at the Community Center's Jubilee held at Colorado College in November. Tables around the perimeter of the room were staffed by people from Monarch House, S-CAP, GTO, CGRA, Upstart Players and Dignity, to name a few.

Members and their guests enjoyed great food, mingled with each other, met new friends and exchanged lots of information. Later in the evening there was an appreciation presentation to Robin Miller and to Betty Lynn Mahaffy for their work in fighting Amendment 2. Following remarks from both of them, and several others regarding upcoming community events, there was live music and dancing until midnight. ▼

Helping the Helpline...

There is always an unpaid phone bill, it seems. Organizers of the Jubilee at Colorado College included a raffle of some gifts; money from the raffle has been used to pay the latest phone bill for the Helpline. The PPGLCC would like to thank the following people for donations which kept the Helpline in operation for yet another month:

Maggie Abrams, Abrams Jewelers
Wendy Carter, a massage therapist
Anita Trujillo, a massage therapist
Pam Jones, The Body Scenter
Teina Bentley, Red Mountain Pottery
Tamara Bartlett, Abaton Books
Nancy Yeatman, The Frame Approach ▼

Treasurer's Report

We have a new treasurer, Daphne C. To give her time to get organized we will have a two-month report in next month's issue. ▼

Membership Application
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I subscribe to the Mission Statement of the PPGLCC as printed on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Letters

To The Editor:

Enclosed is my application form for membership in the center for another year along with a check for $25.00. Please apply the amount above the regular dues where ever it can do the most good.

I want to compliment you on the appearance of the newsletter. It is very professional these days. Please keep up the good work. It is one of my only contacts with the gay world. Living here [in a small, rural Colorado town], I am isolated from the real world. I work on a community newsletter here that comes out twice a month, so I understand the trials associated with newsletter publication.

I also want to compliment you on the growth you have spoken of in recent issues. That such growth continues to be possible in the city that is the seat of "Colorado For Family Values" is a testimony to our community's strength. Amendment 2 has caused me to become more vocal in my home town of 350 people. I am amazed by some of the comments made concerning "them" -- meaning homosexuals -- by people who seem to consider me one of their friends. I am in the closet here in the sticks. It is a difficult situation, but at the present time, still the place I find myself. There are times I would like to come out totally, and let the pieces fall where they may. Perhaps that time will come eventually, but not just yet.

Once again, thank you for keeping me informed of happenings in the Colorado Springs area, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely, Jerry A. (Jedene) ▼

To The Editor:

Together We're Stronger!

This election clearly demonstrated the world of difference between Democrats and Republicans on issues of interest to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. While the Republican national platform raised anti-gay sanctimoniousness and narrow-mindedness to new heights, the Democrats spoke out favorably on gay issues. The Bush/Quayle campaign promoted the religious right's gay-bashing agenda. With Clinton, gays will have a friend in the White House. We see the same split on gay issues at the state level; while the Democrats officially and repeatedly condemned Amendment 2, former Senator Bill Armstrong helped to lead Colorado Republican forces for its passage.

In El Paso County, for the first time, politically active gays and lesbians working for EPOC joined with local Democrats in a larger coordinated campaign. This campaign season alliance permitted both groups to reach out more effectively in phone banking and literature dropping than either could have done individually. Despite the efforts by so many people, a terrible cocktail of fear, confusion, fundamentalist self-righteousness and prejudice carried the day on November 3rd. Still, in terms of the gay & lesbian community finding a political

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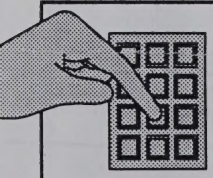

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Washington DC
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The 12th Annual International Convention of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) will take place September 3-6 at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans, it was announced this month.

The theme of the 1993 convention is "Celebrating Family -- New Orleans Style." Workshops under consideration for the four day convention include Networking and Coalition Building, Genetics, Gay and Lesbian Parents, Legal and Legislative Concerns, Orientation or Preference, AIDS, Concerns of Families and Friends, Facilitating Support Group Meetings, Homophobia, Domestic Partnerships, Religious and Spiritual Matters, Gay and Lesbian Youth, and Diverse Lesbian and Gay Lifestyles.

Because of the substantial cost of hosting a national convention, the New Orleans P-FLAG chapter is encouraging community financial support. Convention participants able to send a $100 deposit by January 1 will receive a $10 discount on the early registration fee. There are also early bird discounts available for advertisers, for T-shirts, and from the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

For more information call or write the P-FLAG Convention Host Committee, P.O. Box 15485, New Orleans, LA 70105. The phone numbers there are 504-523-3922 and 504-288-2332. Locally, contact Alan Cook at 634-2488 days.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont'd.)

voice in the Pikes Peak region, 1992 was a watershed year: they were active, visible and prominent in Democratic campaign efforts.

Now that the election is behind us, politics enters a quiescent period of consolidation, election of new leadership, and planning for 1994. The gay & lesbian community should use this period to build upon their beginning with the Democrats in '92. The Democratic Party needs volunteers and precinct committee people who can serve as representatives of the neighborhoods. The gay & lesbian community needs to strengthen alliances with sympathetic organizations and institutions. In short, just as gays and lesbians have been doing for years in many other metropolitan areas around the country, I would urge the local community to make a stronger common cause with the El Paso County Democrats. Let's work to turn some heads around together. If you are sick and tired of the reactionary forces that often hold sway in our county, you can make a difference by getting active with local Democrats. Give me a call at 633-0738 and we can talk about it.

David Ruchman,
Secretary, Colorado Democratic Party ▼

Discrimination Reporting -- Do It!

You should be aware that your community center has a Violence and Discrimination Reporting & Assistance committee. Although we hope you won't need it, people are here if you feel you have been the victim of any type of discrimination or violence. We have qualified people to help you deal with the problem, with the people involved, and with the proper law enforcement and legal authorities.

If anyone gives you a hard time for being gay, please call the Helpline at 471-4429. It's not staffed all the time; there is an answering machine when nobody's around. But leave your name and number; you'll be called back as soon as possible.

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COLORADO SPRINGS GAY DAY...from Page 1

Save your Citadel shopping errands for this day. It will be loads of fun, and we can rattle a few cages by showing the Citadel merchants exactly how many of us are spending money in their shops willingly. They will know we can easily spend that money elsewhere if we choose. In the process you'll get to meet some people who are literally going out of their way to show us they care!

Help Colorado Springs and Boulder join together to support Equal Rights for Everyone. They will be here around 1:00 PM on Saturday. Everyone will meet at the Citadel, where So Bold will post people at entrances for guidance, and where your money will be stamped. From then on, you call the shots. Just don't forget to show up at Poor Richard's later that evening.

For more information, call 303-938-8362. ▼

New Gay Radio Station

We've heard you will be able to pick up KGAY, the gay radio station, by tuning to 1490 AM between the hours of midnight and 7:00 AM. For more information: 1-800-733-KGAY. ▼

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The Winter Cotillion will be held December 13th at the Branding Iron in the Hide & Seek complex. The doors open at 7:00 PM and the Ball starts at 8:00 PM. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World." And as always the "debutantes" will be introduced to society for the first time.

Pick your favorite country or culture, do a little research and come up with the appropriate costume. Perhaps a Danish Santa, or Mrs. Claus in the latest Paris gown. Or, if you are new to society, find a sponsor and come out as a debutante. Make it fun!

As is tradition, the Winter Cotillion will raise money to help provide a Merry Christmas for disadvantaged children again this year. You can have a wonderful time and help some kids have a happier holiday for the $6.00 price of admission. The proceeds from ticket sales will be given to a local home for children .

If you need more information or would like to be a deb, please call Tami at 533-5449 or Bruce at 685-5006. We hope to see you there! ▼

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Entertainment!

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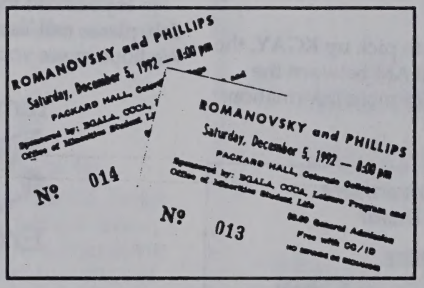
Romanovsky and Phillips will enlighten and entertain through their music on Saturday, December 5, at 8:00 PM in Packard Hall (5 West Cache la Poudre). The duo will once again bring its unique outlook, that of two gay performers, to the college with humor and sensitivity. Tickets are $8 in advance at Worner Center desk; $10 at the door.

Since beginning their career in San Francisco in 1982, Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips have toured over 150 cities in 42 US states, Canada and Australia. Their second album, "Trouble in Paradise," won them a 1987 Cable Car Award for Best Recording Artist. In 1991 they released their fourth work: a 15-song album of new material entitled, "Be Political, Not Polite," re-establishing them on the cutting edge of topical music. Their arrangements borrow from a range of musical styles, from doo-wop to calypso to folk. Their performances combine music, stories and humor to tell about love, life, problems, and struggles of the gay community.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"A lot of people tell us that we'd reach more people if we didn't put the word 'gay' on our posters or market ourselves in that say," said Phillips. "But we feel that watering down our politics to reach a wider audience is totally defeating our purpose."

The concert is sponsored by B-GALA, Leisure Program, CCCA and the Office of Minority Student Life.▼

Upstart to Perform "Luv"

When the play begins there is Harry Berlin, looking like a shaved, mustachioed beatnik who has sunk so low, honest beatniks would disown him. He has no future except to jump off the bridge, but this is stopped by Milt Manville. Milt & Harry turn out to be college classmates. As Harry, in his rags, slowly drops hints of his tale of woe, Milt, a picture of prosperity, is all sympathy. Milt is also full of frustration, for his wife won't release him and let him marry the girl he loves. Presently the wife appears, and as she stands under a lamp post, it is clear that she, too, is torn by anguish. Milt has an inspiration: why not bring Harry and Ellen together, and thus win the freedom to marry the other girl. The events that follow need not be detailed. All you will wish to know is that whatever marriages are made and unmade, Milt, Ellen and Harry end up in sorrow and agony, and the greater their misunderstandings and problems, the more you laugh.

Upstart will have performances at 8:00 PM on the nights of December 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19. Call 575-0514 for tickets; the price will be around $6. Not bad for helping "one of our own" do a little something for our community.

During 1993 Upstart has performances scheduled every month. We'll give you details in the January issue of Community Vision. ▼

Denver Gay Men's Chorus Announces Eleventh Season Schedule

Barry Oliver makes his debut appearance as artistic director of the Denver Gay Men's Chorus in the 11th season opening concert, "Sing We Merry Gentlemen." As an accomplished musician, composer and arranger, Barry's musical works have been performed by many choruses. His leadership takes the Chorus to a new standard of musical excellence.

Since 1982 the Denver Gay Men's Chorus has entertained by showing pride in its sound and in its dedication to the Gay and Lesbian community. Growing from a small group to a nationally respected musical organization, the Chorus now has 87 singing and support members. The Chorus has performed in San Francisco, New York, Minneapolis, Chicago, Washington, DC, Boston and at GALA Choruses Festival III in Seattle. This past summer, the Denver Gay Men's Chorus co-hosted GALA Choruses Festival IV. The Chorus looks forward to a new decade of concerts, community and activities, such as a CD recording, and several tours around Colorado, and performing at the next GALA Choruses Festival V, scheduled for Tampa, FL.

From the classical selections like Ave Maria by Franz Biebl and Gloria in Excelsis by Josquin des Pres to the contemporary To Love and To Be Loved by Wayne Chadwicks and All This Joy, written by John Denver and arranged by Barry Oliver, this concert will warm your heart this holiday season. The schedule for "Sing We Merry Gentlemen" is as follows:

December 8, Tuesday, 8:00 PM
December 11, Friday, 8:00 PM
December 12, Saturday, 8:00 PM

Entertainment!

DENVER GAY MEN'S CHORUS (Cont'd,)

All performances are held at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street, at Montview, in Denver

Tickets are $15 for reserved seating, and $10 for general seating, and can be purchased from any Chorus member, through the Chorus Hotline at 303-832-3462 with Visa or MC, or at Category Six and Petite Flowers in Denver, and at Aria in Boulder.

Details for the Spring (A Sondheim Extravaganza) and Summer (Together in Pride) concerts will appear in future editions of Community Vision. ▼

Jocelyn's Holiday Jam at Poor Richard's

A $3 cover charge will get you into Poor Richard's on Saturday night (December 5), with half the proceeds going to the community center. You know the routine: food and drinks in the front, music and dancing in the rear, smoking on the patio if it's not snowing, wall to wall people, good fun in general!

Plan on spending the afternoon shopping with the Boulder crowd, and then dancing with them all night at Poor Richard's. The party will start whenever you all get there, probably around 8:00 PM. You can stay until midnight...▼

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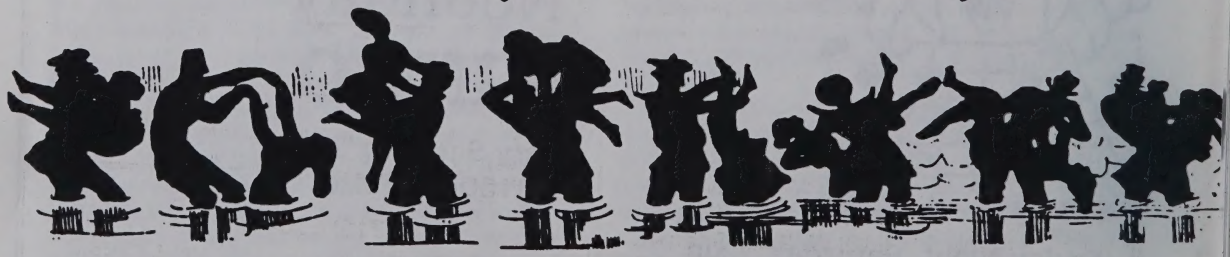

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Help Needed with Community Center

The community center needs volunteers for the following projects and committees. To help with any of them, please call Norma at 635-4802. Go ahead and tell us all the projects that you're interested in, even if you only have time to take on one, so that we have some flexibility in assigning people to committees.

Community Vision needs people to edit submissions and proof the final copy, and people to help write articles (or at least track down stories that other people can report on). Also needed: people to help stuff envelopes and other collating involved in mailing out the newsletter.

The **Fund-Raising Committee** needs help in both doing short term fund-raising to keep the center solvent and in developing long term funding strategies.

The **Helpline** could always use some more people to be home weekday evenings or Saturday afternoons to take telephone calls.

The **Community History Committee** needs volunteers who will be responsible for creating an archive of community and community center materials, and for compiling a history of the lesbian and gay community in Colorado Springs and the surrounding area.

The **Youth and Family Outreach Committee** welcomes volunteers on such projects as improving school districts' sensitivity to the problems confronting gay and lesbian youth.

The **Communications Committee** needs volunteers to help develop the Audiotext Hotline and other communications projects.

The **Program Development Committee** needs volunteers to decide what programs or services the center should offer, and to find ways to implement those programs or services.

The **Building Committee** will be assessing the needs for, and trying to find, a building for the community center.

The **Violence and Discrimination Reporting Committee** will be working with the Helpline to accurately record and report instances of discrimination and violence.

The **Membership Development Committee** needs help in boosting the community center's membership.

The **Business Directory Committee** will be compiling a listing of businesses wishing to solicit clientele from the lesbian and gay community.

The **General Staff** — volunteers are needed who are willing to be assigned to various tasks as they are needed, and not necessarily be assigned to a particular committee. ▼

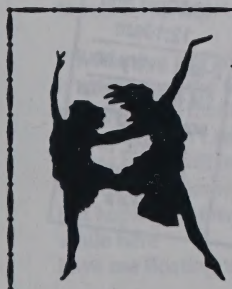
Rack N Roll Jams Against Amendment 2

Inflight Productions, along with KILO FM-94, sponsored Talent Search 1992 at Rack N Roll, 840 Arcturus Drive on November 29. This was the first time this event has happened in Colorado Springs, and it was the first opportunity for many local bands to present their music and talent in front of nationally recognized producers and musicians.

Katherine Pease (EPOC) was there. She reported the owners, friends and employees of Rack N Roll also took this opportunity to make frequent, strong, and widely heard, statements against Amendment 2, and in support of AIDS awareness and research.

The 12-hour musical fete provided ample opportunity for many people to voice their opinions on censorship, discrimination and the influences on our town from religious radicals. Those in the audience included Jonathan Moffat, who has played drums for Madonna, Michael Jackson and Elton John, and a vice president of Warner Records. There were other producers, and plenty of radio and TV people in attendance, too.

Next time you're near the corner of 8th Street and Arcturus, please take a few minutes to stop in and thank everyone for their very vocal support of AIDS awareness and the Amendment 2 fight. ▼



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Benefit Show 11 pm
Free Country Dance Lessons in the Branding Iron 7pm
Live DJ

Daily Specials

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Lunch 11am-3pm in the Colorado Grill

MAN STOP

Dinner-Wednesday through Saturday
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Colorado Springs, CO 634-9303

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thur.	Friday	Saturday
No Cover $3.00 Pitcher of Beer $1.00 Schnapps 8pm-2am	No Cover Two-fers All Day & Night Free Pool 9pm-1am	No Cover 25¢ Drink Night 9pm-12am 2-Fers every half hour 12am-2am Live DJ	No Cover $3 Pitchers $1 Schnaaps $2.75 Long Island Ice Tea Benefit Show 11pm FREE Country Dance Lessons-Branding Iron 8pm	No Cover in Branding Iron Show night 10:50pm and 12:10am 2-fers every hour 1/4 Million dollar sound and light system, two large dance floors	No Cover in Branding Iron Show night 10:50pm and 12:10am 2-fers every hour 1/4 Million dollar sound and light system, two large dance floors

BRANDING IRON

Poetry

I have a friend who lives in Los Angeles. He's been HIV+ for several years now, and is a wonderful example that, if you take care of yourself, there is indeed life after an HIV diagnosis. I don't think Thom realizes what an important role he plays in my own life, although he will when he reads this! We are not physically close, but it's always been comforting to know he's as close as a phone call. We can share those private and personal thoughts we always seem to discuss just by picking up the phone, and he doesn't seem so far away.

He sent me this poem with a note saying, "One morning I woke with the entire thing in my head. I groped for a pen and wrote it on a cover of a magazine. Maybe I didn't write it at all! I hope you don't find it depressing."

I don't find it depressing at all. Serious, yes, but not depressing. I'm happy to call such a talented person one of my friends, and happy, too, to share his work with you. GSV.

floating toward the surface
by thom flack

i'm floating toward the surface
i can almost see the sky
this body's getting colder
though i'm not inclined to cry
i'm wondering what the deal is
why i'm close, but so alone
and i'm losing what few friends i have
with my sharp, sarcastic tone

i'm floating toward the surface
with questions full of why
it all seems silly, somehow
but i still can't seem to cry
it seems i should be grateful
for all i have been shown
but there doesn't seem to be someone
to roll away the stone

i'm floating toward the surface
it's time to make my peace
mistakes i've made in judgement
even now don't seem to cease
seems that i will leave this life
without ever knowing why
but hoping that my deeds
while here
have me floating toward the sky ▼

Audre Lorde,
New York State Poet Laureate, Dies

Audre Lorde, a feminist and lesbian poet who challenged racial and sexual stereotypes, has died after a 14-year battle with cancer. She was 58.

Lorde, New York state's poet laureate, died November 17 at her home in St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands, said Jimmie Corley Griffin, director of the Thomas-Hyll funeral home.

Lorde wrote of racial discrimination in books of poetry and autobiography such as "Cables to Rage" (1970), "Coal" (197), "The Black Unicorn" (1978) and "Zami: A New Spelling of My Name" (1983). She was listed as one of the 10 most influential women and men in gay and lesbian literature in the past decade: "Afro-Caribbean-American woman warrior, lesbian visionary, poet and prophet, cultural worker, cancer survivor, and mother." She received the 1990 Bill Whitehead Award for Lifetime Achievement in Lesbian and Gay Literature.

NOTE: Aido Hwedo: The Rainbow Serpent; also a representation of all ancient divinities who must be worshipped but whose names and faces have been lost in time.

Call
by Audre Lorde

Holy ghost woman
stolen out of your name
Rainbow Serpent
whose faces have been forgotten
Mother
loosen my tongue or adorn me
with a lighter burden
Aido Hwedo is coming.

On worm kitchen stools and tables
we are piecing our weapons together
scraps of different histories
do not let us shatter
any altar
she who scrubs the capitol toilets, listening
is your sister's youngest daughter
gnarled Harriet's anointed
you have not been without honor
even the young guerrilla has chosen
yells as she fires into the thicket
Aido Hwedo is coming.

I have written your names on my cheekbone
dreamed your eyes

Poetry

flesh my epiphany
most ancient goddesses
hear me enter
I have not forgotten your worship
nor my sisters
nor the sons of my daughters
my children watch for your print
in their labors
and they say Aido Hwedo is coming.

I am a Black woman
turning
mouthing your name as a password
through seductions
self-slaughter
and I believe in the holy ghost
mother
in your flames beyond our vision
blown light through the fingers of women
enduring
warring
sometimes outside your name
we do not choose all our rituals
Thandi Modise
winged girl of Soweto
brought fire back home in the snout of a mortar
and passes the word from her prison cell
whispering
Aido Hwedo is coming.

Rainbow Serpent who must not go
unspoken
I have offered up the safety of separations
sung the spirals of power
and what fills the spaces
before power unfolds or flounders
in desirable nonessentials
I am a Black woman
stripped down
and praying
my whole life has been an altar
worth its ending
and I say Aido hwedo is coming.

I may be a weed in the garden
of women I have loved
who are still
trapped in their season
but even they shriek
as they rip burning gold from their skins
Aido Hwedo is coming.

We are learning by heart
what has never been taught
you are my given
fire-tongued
Oya Seboulisa Mawu Afrekete
and now we are mourning our sisters
lost to the false hush of sorrow
to hardness and hatchets and childbirth
and we are shouting
Rosa Parks and Fannie Lou Hamer
Assata Shakur and Yaa Asantewa
my mother and Winnie Mandela are singing
in my throat
the holy ghosts' linguist
one iron silence broken
Aido Hwedo is calling
calling
your daughters are named
and conceiving

S-CAP
SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS PROJECT

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- Hot meals
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- Peer support programs
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- Workshop scholarships
- Emergency food and shelter
- Buddy program
- Educational programs

Please call or stop in for more information. Ask for Richard Blair or Beth Bowman at 578-9092. The office at 514 South Tejon is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

Poetry and Books

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loosen my tongue
or adorn me
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Aido Hwedo is coming.

Aido Hwedo is coming.
Aido Hwedo is coming. ▼

Book Talk with John Coniff

Thanks to CFV and the "majority" of Colorado voters Amendment 2 passed, and now we Colorado Springs queers have the unique pleasure of living in ground zero of a new wave of attacks on gays and lesbians in American culture. I wrote the following letter to the editor of the GT but it was never published in that fascist rag:

November 9, 1992
Dear Editor:

I would like an open letter addressing the gay community of Colorado Springs.

The passage of Amendment 2 means many things. Whatever its legal and social implications, I believe Amendment 2 lays down a road for us to follow. I have longed to know what the "gay agenda" was that I had heard so much about and now I believe I know: it is to teach people love, compassion and understanding. It is to seek to settle differences through dialogue and inclusion, not propaganda and exclusion.

Gay people are a "traditional" minority, approximately one tenth of the general population. The "minority status" we seek is not one of job quotas and other such ludicrous notions, but protection from the types of discrimination that we really face: job security, housing and hate crimes.

Please, let us all join in educating the general population of the real danger of Amendment 2: it demonstrates a specific attack on a group's human rights. Gay people are not gay by choice; our only choice is in whether or not we choose to live happily and openly.

We -- all of us who choose to fight -- are now involved in the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Movement. CFV has done us a great favor by forcing us to come together to fight their measure. Margaret Cruikshank in The Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement (Routledge) observes that, "to some degree, gay culture depends on opposition to homosexuality, which sharpens both the sense of difference and the need to band together." Our city has long needed a greater self identification of our queer community. We are now in the first stages toward a stronger, more cohesive community; we need to read more and educate ourselves on the civil rights movement, on gay struggles in other parts of the country and the world. We are not a different culture, but an integral part of all cultures everywhere.

Coming Out: An Anthology of International Gay and Lesbian Writings (ed. Stephan Likosky, Pantheon, $15.00) brings together a large collection of international essays. Interestingly, coming out is the single and profoundly bonding act that bridges economic, class, gender and racial boundaries. This book is the best single-volume representation of queer experiences around the world.

Eric Marcus' Making History is a chronological oral history of the gay and lesbian in the twentieth century. Marcus personally interviewed these living civil rights fighters to hear their stories so we can all learn from their struggle. Marcus' earlier book, The Male Couple's Guide (Harper Collins, $14.00) is out in a new revised edition. Maybe now that we're coming out and meeting more people (you all have been having your parties, haven't you? Get those stray queers out so we can all meet!) we'll have a greater opportunity to meet potential new boyfriends and work on those relationships!

Speaking of dating, Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano have just edited The New Joy of Gay Sex (Harper Collins, $30.00). Beautifully illustrated by F.R. Fowler, this new volume contains the latest information on many facets of gay life and sexuality.

Coming out is a long, gradual process. I "came out" ten years ago and am still in the process -- and will probably always be so in some degree or another. Paul Monette chronicled the death of his partner in the critically acclaimed Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir. His latest exploration of his life as a gay man in Becoming a Man (HBJ, $19.95) just won the National Book Award's Best Biography for 1992. Monette's book is both testimony and confession as he examines the "coffin world of the closet."

We have to let CFV and the world know that there's not a closet big enough to hold us, personally or collectively. Darrell Yates Rist's travels across gay America is documented in Heartlands (Dutton, $24.00). It's so easy to get caught up in the tight little world of our everyday lives; Rist's "odyssey" reminds us that we queers form an intricate web across the country. We must individually fight the closet by meeting more gay people, frequent gay-friendly businesses, support gay arts.

So arm yourself with a book and be ready to start the next cocktail party conversation!

John Coniff works at the Chinook Bookshop, 210 North Tejon. If you would like to talk to him about the books mentioned here, or any other book for that matter, please feel free to call him there during business hours: 635-1195. ▼

Community News

Diversity (the Gay BBS) Could Use a Little Help!

Diversity has been recently reorganized and streamlined. The number of telephone lines has been doubled, and the number of forums has been increased nearly four times. There is new hardware and new software in operation, three SYSOPs instead of one, and plans nearing completion allowing Diversity subscribers to directly link with gay BBSs throughout the state.

Their attempt to allow teenage users backfired. One particularly malevolent child (whose handle should have been Damien) introduced a virus into the system, causing both hardware and software damage. The resulting repair bills, on top of the improvements, have left the operators financially strapped.

That's the bad news. The good news is they can efficiently accommodate LOTS more subscribers, and would be delighted if everyone with a computer and modem would check them out and eventually (but quickly!) subscribe. Dial 685-1080 (2400,N,8,1) as soon as you read this. If you let your membership lapse, check out the improvements; if you're new, become a member today. You'll be doing a good thing, and you'll get new computer enjoyment in return! ▼

Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church Announces December Special Events

Rev. Marion C. Harrison has announced two special evenings that will mark Christmas celebrations for the Metropolitan Community Church.

Sunday, December 20, at 6:15 PM, will be the annual and traditional "Round The Table Carol Sing." Children are welcome for this occasion, which will feature refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

Thursday, December 24, at 10:30 PM, is the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There will be special music, and the service of Holy Communion. Visitors are welcome, as always.

Both celebrations will be held at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 North Tejon Street. And a reminder: each Sunday is choir rehearsal at 3:30 PM, and community worship at 5:00 PM. Child care is always provided, and there is a social hour following the worship services. Questions? Marion's phone is 391-0110. ▼

A Special Thank You

I hope we're not all feeling so sorry for ourselves that we forget to thank a person who, very quietly, has made life a little easier for all of us.

It was Richard Skorman, owner of Poor Richard's, who came up to me at a Citizens Project meeting and said he would advertise his restaurant in our newsletter. Then he said we could drop off copies there for his customers.

In the months since he has, without hesitation, made his restaurant available to any of us who wanted to have a meeting, a dance, a group dinner, or just needed to leave "stuff" for someone else to pick up later. It was here that EPOC hosted their wonderful "Just For Fun" party on October 17. It was here that we gathered to watch the election returns on November 3. It's here that there will be a dance on December 5 with proceeds going to the community center.

Thank you, Richard, for never saying no to us. Thank you for never batting an eye at our sometimes bizarre requests. Thank you for having a staff of attentive people who never made us feel unwelcome. I hope our continued patronage of your restaurant throughout the coming year helps make your generosity worthwhile.

And we hope you make $55,500 per year, just like the rest of us (Will Perkins' figures, not mine); you certainly deserve it! ▼

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Community News

Dignity, Southern Colorado News

November 30 was the meeting with Bishop Arthur Tafoya from the diocese of Pueblo. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our plans to expand our ministry service to the Pueblo area. If anyone knows people who would benefit from outreach in Pueblo, please give us a call.

The Thanksgiving pot luck was a huge success with about 30 people in attendance.

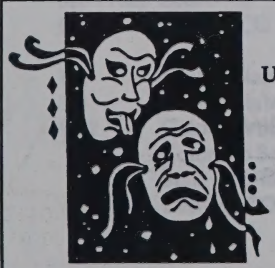
The December meeting dates are the 5th and the 19th. The liturgy begins at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 21st Street at West Colorado Avenue. There will be an informal social gathering following the service on the 5th as usual; on the 19th, we will have our Christmas party. Phone ahead (635-5773) to find out the location.

The monthly pot luck for December will be held on the 10th. The topic is "Mary, the Blessed Mother." The dinner will be Italian style with spaghetti provided. Call Michael (635-5773) for a list of needed, and not needed, food, and the place to bring it.

January 2 mass will be at the usual time, in case you were thinking of assuming its cancellation! ▼

Helpers Needed Immediately!

The Community Center recently made $1000 selling poinsettias for Christmas. Now it's time to give the people what they paid for! We promised delivery on December 5 and 6 (Saturday and Sunday). If you would like to help with deliveries, please call Martin at 687-6335. Do it today!



UPSTART PERFORMING ENSEMBLE
2 W. Las Vegas
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(719) 575-0514

For Ladies Only

Laurie, one of the handful of people instrumental in forming the successful GTO group, has announced the formation of For Ladies Only, a social and support group for career and business women. Students are also welcome.

For Ladies Only meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. For more details call Laurie at 473-6372. ▼

S-CAP Volunteer Appreciation Night

A special "thank you" to all the volunteers who were able to vacation with us for "An Evening in the Tropics" on October 21st. We would like to extend that same appreciation to those valuable people who were unable to attend.

Our Volunteer Appreciation party was catered by the Picnic Basket, which provided a delectable display of mouth watering chocolate desserts. Calories were tossed into the wind even by those who are watching their petite figures.

Escaping the brisk October chill that filled the air, guests were swept away to a tropical mirage. Palm trees swayed overhead and exotic flowers filled the room, compliments of Gentry's Flowers.

The evening was a huge success, primarily because of all of the wonderful volunteers who make S-CAP a success. Thank you again!

Tony Torres,
Fund Raising and Special Events Committee ▼

New Support Group Started

The Community Center is starting a new support group for heterosexual spouses of lesbians and gay men. If you're interested, please call Alan Cook at 634-2488 (days).

The Community Center is also trying to get Lesbians and Gays Raising Children going again. This group is intended to meet the needs of lesbian and gay families in which one or both partners bring their children to the relationship. The group needs someone to arrange meetings. Interest in the group has been expressed over the last year, and it was meeting for a while. If you're interested in helping to organize the group, or simply in participating, please call the Helpline at 471-4429. ▼

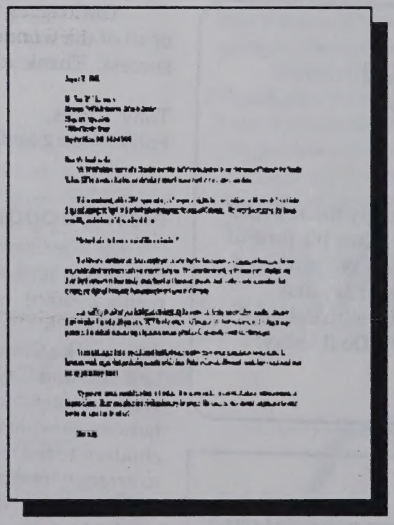
Reading and Writing

You've Got The Power of the Pen (or PC)

The following list should be part of any gay or lesbian person's rolodex. We're reprinting it here along with some suggestions for using it.

Write to members of our City Council. Let them know that you think Amendment 2 is an abomination, that it makes the entire state of Colorado an embarrassment to the rest of the nation, and that you will be working to have it repealed. You won't hear from them; they ignore letters from people like us -- unless they are received in sufficient numbers! As recently as November 24, the "official" position of the City of Colorado Springs was that the amendment was proposed, voted on and passed, and they will "honor" the "wishes of the majority" in enforcing it, and if this results in boycotts against Colorado and our city, too bad. In other words, they are telling us to go to hell. Feel free to write them back, and let them know how you feel about getting kicked in the teeth one more time.

Write to our state senators and representatives, urging them to join (if Republican) or stay in (if Democrat) the fight to repeal Amendment 2. Let them know discrimination is shameful. Remind them that even if they haven't noticed, the rest of the country has, that Colorado has legalized discrimination.



Write to Governor Romer and Mayor Wellington Webb, urging them to continue their fight against Amendment 2. Thank them for their vocal support of us, and against Amendment 2, during the months before the election. These people are on our side, and we need to voice our appreciation. If we don't write them, they won't hear us!

Write to our US senators and representatives, urging them to help amend the Equal Rights Bill of 1964 to include gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Let them know you expect their support of President-elect Clinton's proposal to repeal the military's ban on homosexuals in the military. Let them know their votes on these matters will be publicized, and let them know you will be voting in the next election.

Write to the Tourism Board and the Commerce/ boycotting Colorado. Let them know we are publishing lists of friendly and non-friendly businesses in Colorado and El Paso County so those of us who have no choice can at least shop our consciences. If you're ordering your Christmas gifts through out-of-state mail order catalogs to support the boycott, let them know. If you're spending your vacation out of state, let them know. If you're spending time and money in gay-supportive events, like the Aspen Gay Ski Week, let them know. Tell them how you feel about living in the first state in America to legalize discrimination, and ask for their official position on Amendment 2. Tell them their position will help you make up your mind regarding what you tell your own circle of friends during Amendment 2 discussions.

Where available, we're including telephone numbers and fax numbers of these people. Put your stamps to good use. You can't get more mileage out of 29 cents than writing these letters!

Governor Roy Romer
State Capitol Building
Room #136
Denver, CO 80203
(W) 303-866-2471
(H)
(F) 303-866-2087

Lt. Gov. Michael Callihan
State Capitol Building
Room #130
Denver, CO 80203
(W) 303-866-2087
(H)
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Mayor Wellington Webb
1437 Bannock
Denver, CO 80202
(W) 303-640-2721
(H)
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President-elect Bill Clinton
P.O. Box 615
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Colorado Springs, CO 80901

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Mr. Larry L. Small
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Colorado Springs, CO 80921

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Mr. John G. Hazelhurst
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3-8 United States Representatives
9-12 Colorado State Senators
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State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203

13-20 Colorado State Representatives
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380 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
830 North Tejon, Suite 306
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

2. Senator Hank Brown (R)
717 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
228 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

3. Congressman Wayne Allard
513 Cannon
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Washington, DC 20515
Rocky Mountain Building
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4. Congressman Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D)
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6. Congresswoman Patricia Shroeder (D)
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Denver, CO 80218

7. Congressman David Skaggs (D)
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9. Senator Mary Anne Tebedo (R)
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10. Senator Jeff Wells (R)
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Colorado Springs, CO 80903

11. Senator Ray Powers (R)
5 North Marksheffel Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80929

12. Senator Michael C. Bird (R)
5810 Spurwood Court
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

13. Congressman Ron May (R)
730 Citadel Dr East, #S-201
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

14. Congressman Tom Ratterree (R)
7312 Bell Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

15. Congressman Charles Duke (R)
1711 Woodmoor Drive
Monument, CO 80132

16. Congresswoman Daphne Greenwood (D)
315 North Prospect
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

17. Congresswoman Marcy Morrison (R)
302 Sutherland Place
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

18. Congressman Charles Berry (R)
314 Pine
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

19. Congressman Bill Martin (R)
3110 Lees Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

20. Congresswoman Mary Ellen Epps (R)
217 Dexter
Colorado Springs, CO 80911 ▼

History

This Month...Since Stonewall

December 20, 1970. Dave Meggyesy's book on his pro football career is released: *Out Of Their League.*

December 11, 1973. Gay activist Mark Segel interrupts live CBS News broadcast and holds up sign: "Gays Protest CBS Prejudice."

December 15, 1973. American Psychiatric Association declares that homosexuality per se in not a mental illness.

December 11, 1975. George Moscone is elected mayor of San Francisco. (He is later murdered, along with Harvey Milk, by Don White.)

December 2, 1978. Harvey Milk's friends scatter his ashes over the Pacific Ocean.

December 18, 1982. Quebec province in Canada recognizes lesbian and gay domestic partnerships.

December 5, 1984. Berkeley, CA becomes the first US city to recognize domestic partnerships.

December 19, 1985. Telephone company threatens to disconnect phones of Edward Johnson, an Atlanta man who programmed his computer to call Jerry Falwell's toll-free "Old Time Gospel Hour" number every 30 seconds, costing Falwell $500,000.

December 1, 1988. First World AIDS Day is held, organized by the World Health Organization.

December 28, 1988. First court order that Karen Thompson be allowed to visit Sharon Kowelski.

December 10, 1989. 5,000 activists protest Cardinal John O'Connor at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC, and several disrupt the mass.

December 24, 1990. Openly lesbian actress Pat Bond dies at 65 of lung cancer. ▼

A Community Center Membership Helps Defray the Costs of Operating the Helpline and Publishing this Newsletter

Please Join Today!

Celebrate Gay Day in Colorado Springs
(Boulder is doing it!)

Meet Gay Boulderites at the Citadel
at 1:00 PM on Saturday, Dec. 5

Mark Your Money
Go Shopping
Eat in Restaurants
Have a Grand Time
and then
Dance the Evening Away at Poor Richard's
For More Information Call:
(303) 938-8362

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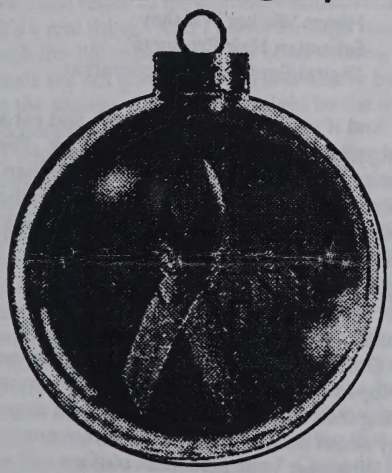

The Penthouse and an individual donor have made available to the community, a Christmas ornament. Proceeds will benefit **AmFAR** and **Monarch House** - a new local HIV/AIDS residency scheduled to open in June 1993.

You may buy your 1992 Christmas ornament directly at The Penthouse, 1715 N. Academy Blvd. or use the order form below to receive your ornament(s) by mail.

Please send me:
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Shipping & Handling $ 2.50
Total Amount $_____

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Telephone optional (___) _____
Please find enclosed ❑ Check ❑ Money Order
Please bill my ❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard
Acct. No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Mail this form to:
THE MONARCH HOUSE GROUP
P.O. Box 8169 • Colorado Springs, CO 80933
or Call: 1-719-634-0133 to place your order by phone.

Ahh - the Political Page!

Gay Dollars Make Straight Sense

by Sam Broomall

Among the more utterly amazing rhetoric from CFV, we have learned a lot about how we, gays and lesbians, are perceived by the self-righteous far right. In fact I must admit how difficult it was to write this piece free from lustful, sexual thoughts; and while many of their beliefs are equally humorous when not terrifying, none has struck me as more confusing than their interpretation and presentation of the data that via our incomes we are a "privileged" class. So I called a friend in New York and he sent me the marketing survey which CFV has extrapolated its ammo from. I also read and sourced the gay money article in Genre magazine. For what it's worth, here is my interpretation of the results.

The most recent survey results, based upon 7,900 respondents, were compiled in February, 1992. It found that the average household income for gay men was $51,624, and for lesbians was $42,755 (the national annual household income was $36,520). You may be surprised to learn that a dollar amount of less than $2,000 separated the average income of those gay and lesbian folk in the city and those in rural America. The suburban G&L couple leads the demos with an average household income of $53,845. The survey points out additional facts ranging from the fact that we are more educated vs. America (59% vs. 18% of us are college graduates); 53% of us are registered to vote; and that we represent a combined gay and lesbian annual market value of about $500 billion.

I don't know about you, but my chest gets a little puffy when I think about what this really means. You see, underlying the privileged class argument lies in the fear of our potential power because we have done fairly well for ourselves. To some savvy marketers, politicians and yes, most definitely CFV, we represent a block worthy of attention. We must realize how powerful this data is and what potential it can manifest. The marketers want our money. The politicians want our vote. And, CFV wants us to go away because they astutely recognize what we up until now may have not seen.

We can be tremendously powerful if we come together in a lesbian and gay block. Now I anticipate many of you are saying to yourselves, "Yeah, but this is Colorado Springs." Yes, it is. But although I can not statistically prove it, I speculate that gay and lesbian income here, while not as high as the national G&L average, still follows the national trend and would be higher than the average household income for the community at large.

Regardless of this specific point, let's not lose sight of the potential which still looks us in the eye. How we spend our gay money, and how we involve ourselves politically will help us gain the strides we must make. The data I have found should be shouted from the top of Pikes Peak. We should be proud of how we have acculturated ourselves. And whether our income is $12,000 a year or $120,000 a year we must view our money as potential power and use it as such.

Nationally did you know that companies like Levi Strauss prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and requires that any agency it funds adhere to the same policy? They also offer health benefits to domestic partners of employees. Now, why would you buy any other jean than those manufactured by a company which literally puts its butt on the line for you?!? According to Genre magazine, the following list makes up other national businesses which are gay friendly and deserve your bucks:

Apple Computers
US West Communications
Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc.
Dun & Bradstreet Corp.
The Gap Stores
Lotus Development Corp.
Quaker Oats Co.
The Body Shop, Inc.
Remy Martin Cognac
Hiram Walker Whiskey
Sebastian Hair Products
Digital Equipment Corporation

And if you visit the deep south and eat at Cracker Barrel you deserve to get food poisoning. They fired en masse anyone considered to be gay or lesbian because of a new right wing company policy. I am in the process of developing the Bad Guy List and will include it in the next issue. ▼

A Piece of our History

A Letter from Huey Newton

During the past few years, strong movements have developed among women and among homosexuals seeking their liberation. There has been some uncertainty about how to relate to these movements.

Whatever your personal opinions and your insecurities about homosexuality and the various liberation movements among homosexuals and women (and I speak of the homosexuals and women as oppressed groups), we should try to unite with them in a revolutionary fashion. I say "whatever your insecurities are" because, as we very well know sometimes our first instinct is to want to hit a homosexual in the mouth and

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we want a woman to be quiet. We want to hit the homosexual in the mouth because we're afraid we might be homosexual; and we want to hit the woman or shut her up because we're afraid that she might castrate us, or take the nuts that we might not have to start with.

We must gain security in ourselves and therefore have respect and feelings for all oppressed people. We must not use the racist type attitude like the White racists use against people because they are Black and poor. Many times the poorest White person is the most racist, because he's afraid that he might lose something, or discover something that he doesn't have; you're some kind of threat to him. This kind of psychology is in operation when we view oppressed people and we're angry with them because of their particular kind of behavior, or their particular kind of deviation from the established norm.

Remember, we haven't established a revolutionary value system, we're only in the process of establishing it. I don't remember us every constituting any value that said that a revolutionary must say offensive things towards homosexuals, or that a revolutionary should make sure that women do not speak out about their own particular kind of oppression. Matter of fact it's just the opposite: we say that we recognize the women's right to be free. We haven't said much about the homosexual at all, and we must relate to the homosexual movement because it's a real thing. And I know through reading and through my life experience, my observations, that homosexuals are not given freedom and liberty by anyone in the society. Maybe they might be the most oppressed people in the society.

And what made them homosexual? Perhaps it's a whole phenomenon that I don't understand entirely. Some people say that it's the decadence of capitalism. I don't know whether this is the case; I rather doubt it. But whatever the case is, we know that homosexuality is a fact that exists, and we must understand it in its purest form: That is, a person should have freedom to use his body in whatever way he wants to. That's not endorsing things in homosexuality that we wouldn't view as revolutionary. But there's nothing to say that a homosexual cannot also be a revolutionary. And maybe I'm not injecting some of my prejudice by saying that "even a homosexual can be a revolutionary." Quite on the contrary, maybe a homosexual could be the most revolutionary.

When we have revolutionary conference, rallies and demonstrations there should be full participation of the gay liberation movement and the women's liberation movement. Some groups might be more revolutionary than others. We shouldn't use the actions of a few to say that they're all reactionary or counterrevolutionary, because they're not.

We should deal with the factions just as we deal with any other group or party that claims to be revolutionary. We should try to judge somehow, whether they're operating sincerely, in a revolutionary fashion, from a really oppressed situation. (And we'll grant that if they're women, they're probably oppressed.) If they do things that are un-revolutionary or counter-revolutionary, then criticize that action. If we feel that the group in spirit means to be revolutionary in practice, but they make mistakes in interpretation of the revolutionary philosophy, or they don't understand the dialectics of the social forces in operation, we should criticize that and not criticize them because they're women trying to be free. And the same is true for homosexuals. We should never say a whole movement is dishonest, when in fact they're trying to be honest, they're just making honest mistakes. Friends are allowed to make mistakes. The enemy is not allowed to make mistakes because his whole existence is a mistake, and we suffer from it. But the women's liberation front and gay liberation front are our friends, they are potential allies, and we need as many allies as possible.

We should be willing to discuss the insecurities that many people have about homosexuality. When I say "insecurities," I mean the fear that they're some kind of threat to our manhood. I can understand this fear. Because of the long conditioning process which guilds insecurity in the American male, homosexuality might produce certain hangups in us. I have hangups myself about male homosexuality. Where, on the other hand, I have no hangup about female homosexuality. And that's phenomena in itself. I think it's probably because male homosexuality is a threat to me, maybe, and the females are no threat.

We should be careful about using those terms that might turn our friends off. The terms "faggot" and "punk" should be deleted from our vocabulary, and especially we should not attach names normally designed for homosexuals to men who are enemies of the people, such as Nixon or Mitchell. Homosexuals are not enemies of the people.

We should try to form a working coalition with the gay liberation and women's liberation groups. We must always handle social forces in the most appropriate manner. And this is really a significant part of the population, both women, and the growing number of homosexuals, that we have to deal with.

All Power To The People!

Huey P. Newton, Supreme Commander

Black Panther Party

(printed in The Black Panther newsletter, August 21, 1970) ▼

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Three Cheers for 3M
and their Affirmative Action Policy

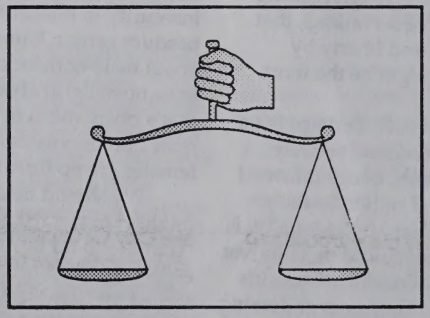
A recent article in the Gazette Telegraph, "3M Plans Plant in Springs," plus several phone calls from community center members prompted me to talk directly to the 3M Corporation.

It shouldn't surprise you to hear the Gazette misstated the facts (some things never change!). I called to find out about the existence of any non-discrimination policies at 3M, and their feelings about the possibility of locating a plant in Colorado Springs, the new and official Home of Hatred in America.

I talked to Mr. Lowell Ludford, the Public Affairs Manager. He stated immediately that 3M Corporation is interested in looking into the possibility of locating a manufacturing plant here. This should, in no way, be translated as anything resembling immediate plans. 3M has asked for a particular piece of property to be rezoned as part of their ongoing negotiations to purchase the property. If the zoning change is granted, 3M will continue its negotiations; if not, they won't.

Even if the negotiations continue there is no guarantee they will be completed. And even if 3M does finalize the purchase of this property (152 acres currently owned by Ford, on Highway 83 at Old Ranch Road), the proposed manufacturing operation is still years away.

Mr. Ludford stated that 3M is aware of the voter acceptance of Amendment 2, but he expects the issue to be resolved into history by the time 3M might actually be operating in Colorado Springs. He also stated that, during 1992, 3M Corporation revised their Affirmative Action Policy Statement to include the wording, "sexual orientation." He sent a copy of this policy statement and gave us permission to reproduce it here.



3M affirms the right of every person to participate in all aspects of employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, and Vietnam Era Veterans status. In accordance with all applicable laws, directives and regulations of federal, state and local governing bodies, 3M will provide appropriate opportunity to all persons, including disabled veterans, without regard to mental or physical handicap.

This affirmation requires the development and use of objective, job-related criteria, clearly communicated and consistently applied in all human resources matters. This is based on the belief that:

The dignity and worth of individuals and the company are fostered through the uniform and consistent application of objective human resources practices;

People in all segments of society have talents and abilities which can contribute to our organization;

Employee growth and development is a shared responsibility of the employee and the company;

Individual and corporate objectives are best achieved in an atmosphere free of intimidation or harassment.

3M believes that successfully managing diversity in the work force is essential to the future competitive position of the company and to an effective Affirmative Action Program. Managing diversity requires valuing employees for their individual contributions and understanding and appreciating the ways that employees differ from one another.

To implement this policy, we provide training opportunities and other programs designed to support supervisors and managers in their human resource development responsibilities.

All supervisory/management personnel are required to share in implementing affirmative action plans, and their progress in doing so is evaluated through regular performance reviews. Quarterly reports of progress are provided by the Human Relations Department and reviewed by each reporting unit of the company.

The undersigned has the responsibility for establishing this policy within 3M. The 3M Human Resources organization is responsible for implementing affirmative action programs to all 3M operations and staff unites. The Human Resources organization disseminates educational programs emphasizing consistent and uniform application of objective human resources practices and monitors affirmative action performance.

Signed,
L.D.DeSimons,
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Any questions? It is obvious that 3M has already taken steps to place itself above what we consider to be the non-issue of sexual orientation and job performance. If 3M eventually does locate a plant in Colorado Springs, they will truly be welcome by all of us. We can only hope that other business (and religious, and political) leaders in our community can learn a lesson from a company that is far more successful than they!

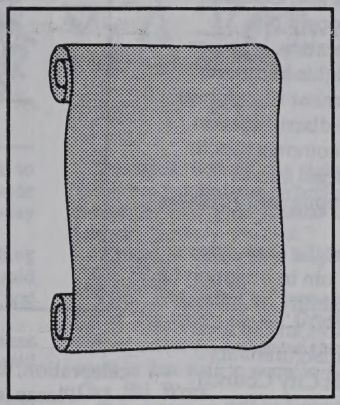
And remember: when you're spending your $52,000 salary (that we all earn) on Christmas presents for your boyfriends and girlfriends, make sure the Apple and Digital Computers, Lotus software and US West telephones are looking good in gift wrap held tight with Scotch brand tape. Use the regular Scotch cellophane tape for foil gift wrap, and use Scotch Magic tape for everything else. And be sure to write your own Christmas list on Scotch Post-It Notes -- they'll stick to the TV

so everyone will see it.

And thank you, Mr. Ludford, for being so generous with your time and helpful on the phone. ▼

First Town Meeting Well Attended; More Meetings Scheduled

There was an overflow crowd for the first Town Meeting at All Souls Unitarian Church. Community members and our friends turned out to see what's next on the agenda for fighting Amendment 2 now that the election is over and "the people have spoken."



Sam Broomall chaired the meeting, which started with remarks from Renny Fagan. Fagan explained Governor Roy Romer's predicament in this issue. Governor Romer was vocal in his support of our fight against discrimination and Amendment 2, but as the chief executive officer of the State of Colorado, he has been named as a defendant in the suit filed earlier this week by coalition attorneys hoping to have the amendment declared unconstitutional and illegal.

Kat Waller, designer of the beautiful and controversial AIDS billboards around town (the Smokebrush Foundation), explained her idea for her latest billboard: "What's worse than AIDS? Hate and Discrimination." The crowd loved it, and promptly coughed up $1500 to begin funding the new group.

Betty Lynn Mahaffy spoke of her hopes of the group's organization and future goals, and called a representative from each of the new group's 9 committees to briefly explain to the audience the purpose and proposed direction of those committees. The meeting then broke up into committee groups, with the audience invited to join whichever committee appealed to them.

The committees will be Steering, Media, Political, Format, Church Outreach, Minority, Fund raising, Networking, and Education.

A second Town Meeting is currently scheduled for 6:30 or 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 6, in the Gaylord Room of the Worner Center at CC. This will be a critical meeting; decisions will be brought to a vote regarding the organization's name, structure, mission, and possibly its stand regarding a Colorado boycott.

For the time being, the Format and Steering committees have scheduled weekly Sunday meetings at Worner Center. As details become available, we will include them here and on our calendar.

At the November 29 meeting, it was announced there would be a vigil in Acacia Park on Thursday, December 3, to commemorate the one month anniversary of Election Day, when Amendment 2 was made part of our State constitution. Everyone is welcome to meet at the park at 6:30 PM that evening. ▼

Aspen Reaffirms its Policy of Non-Discrimination with Resolution 61

Following is the official wording of Resolution #61, adopted by the City Council of Aspen. You should be interested in this, and the reprinted article from the Aspen Daily News regarding Aspen Gay Ski Week, which has not been cancelled.

Pitkin County and the Aspen Gay & Lesbian Community have been highly supportive of gays and lesbians throughout Colorado. These people also made financial donations to Just Vote No in Colorado Springs, and to EPOC. These donations were made with proceeds from last year's Gay Ski Week.

I urge you to save your money and make time to attend this year's Gay Ski Week. No matter what your feelings are regarding a Colorado boycott, please don't let them keep you away from Aspen in January. Help make a strong statement against Amendment #2, and have a great time in the process! If you want more information, call The Aspen Gay & Lesbian Community at 303-925-9249.

On November 9, 1992, at 6:00 PM, the Aspen City Council unanimously passed Resolution #61, to express the City Council's commitment to non-discrimination, and to authorize the City Attorney to undertake litigation regarding the validity and applicability of Amendment #2 to existing Municipal Ordinances.

Resolution #61, Series 1992.

WHEREAS, The voters of Colorado in the November 1992 general election has passed an amendment to the Colorado State Constitution which allows discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #2 has the eff ect of nullifying existing legislation of the City of Aspen which extended basic civil rights to all people in the areas of employment, public accommodations, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the effect of Amendment #2 is to legalize discrimination in Aspen on the basis of sexual

orientation; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Aspen have voted by a ratio exceeding 3 to 1 against Amendment #2; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aspen, as a home-rule city, should be able to pass laws and regulations which reflect the ideals of our community; and

WHEREAS, discrimination is unacceptable in our society, inconsistent with Aspen's community values, and destructive to the lives of all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO that the Aspen City Council opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, opposes the limit on home-rule communities' rights to outlaw discrimination as contained in Amendment #2, opposes limits on citizens' rights to initiate anti-discrimination ordinances, and urges all like-minded communities to join Aspen, Boulder, and Denver in a legal suit to challenge the constitutionality of this repugnant Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to initiate or join in litigation to challenge the legal validity and applicability of Amendment #2 to existing municipal ordinances and to limit the City's legislative authority to combat discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council reaffirms its uncompromising commitment to the protection of human rights for all peoples, and calls for our City government and our community to continue demonstrating support for human rights and equal protection of law.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Aspen on the 7th day of November, 1992.

John S. Bennett, Mayor ▼

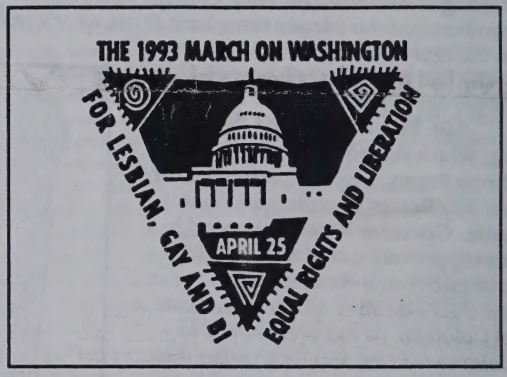
1993 March on Washington is Sooner Than You Think!

The 1993 March on Washington is happening the week of April 25, 1993. The original march in 1987 had a turnout of 650,000 people; this year the goal is for over 1 million. Colorado will be sending its share of gays and lesbians to Washington, and we think you should be a part of it all.

Since the 1987 march, congressional support for the federal gay and lesbian rights bill has increased from 73 to 109 in the House, and from 6 to 17 in the Senate.

This event has the power to generate more power, excitement and pride that will pay off for generations. It will have a major media impact, sending a message of pride, power and anger to the entire world. This number of people will overflow the Washington Mall, surround the Capitol and put people right in front of the White House.

There will be more than just the march. There will be a number of related activities, demonstrations and events (this is where the Names Project started). The 1993 March on Washington will be a political statement, a spiritual revitalization, a gigantic family reunion, a



celebration, and a confidence and morale booster.

Please leave your name and address or phone number with the Helpline (471-4429) if you are interested in more information. If you would like to contribute financially to the effort, send contributions to March on Washington, Inc., P.O. Box 34753, Washington, DC 20043. ▼

NGLTF Creating Change Conference, Nov 13-15

Colorado and Colorado Springs were well represented at the third annual Chreating Change Conference sonsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The conference was held in Los Angeles; we'll include a detailed report in the next issue of *Community Vision*. ▼

World News

Australia lifts military ban on gays. The Australian cabinet has ended its ban on homosexuals in the military, a spokeswoman for Prime Minister Paul Keating said yesterday.

The lifting of the ban was opposed by Australian Defense Force chiefs and the Armed Forces Federation, which represents rank-and-file soldiers.

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"If you don't want it printed, don't let it happen."

This Year's Gay Ski Week Promises To Be A 'Very, Very Loud' Event

Aspen's Annual Gay Ski Week Becomes Amendment 2 Protest

By GREG TRINKER
Aspen Daily News Staff Writer

Instead of boycotting Aspen Gay Ski Week to protest the passage of Amendment 2, gays nationwide plan to flood Aspen to show their anger at the anti-gay rights Colorado amendment.

"I am not calling for a boycott of Aspen. I am calling for tens of thousands of gays to come to town," said Robin Tyler of Los Angeles, an event producer and gay activist.

Tyler said gays are bitter about the amendment passed Tuesday that bans civil rights protection based solely on sexual orientation.

After initial thoughts of boycotting Aspen and Colorado in protest, "we think we should show up in big numbers," Tyler said. "The blacks did not leave Alabama. They marched on Selma. We are not going to the back of the bus. We are not accepting bigotry. We are coming to Aspen."

In its 16th year, Aspen Gay Ski Week organizers had expected about 4,000 participants the last week of January. Tyler would like to see that number swell to 10,000 or more, double Aspen's full-time population about 5,000.

"We are going to make it as big as we can," said Aspen resident Tom Mooney, a Gay Ski Week organizer.

Typically a week of skiing and parties, Gay Ski Week has by design been more of a social than political event.

Not this year. The week is packed with fundraisers and lectures, with a long list of celebrities and politicians invited to protest approval of Amendment 2. Dave Pallone, an umpire kicked out of the National Baseball League because he was gay, will talk to students at Aspen High School.

The week will have a lighter side. Tyler has booked the Wheeler Opera House for the "First Annual Gay and Lesbian Comedy Festival."

"Colorado needs our laughs now," Tyler said.

Tyler also plans to encourage gay rights supporters from Oregon who helped defeat the anti-gay rights amendment in that state to come to Aspen for Gay Ski Week.

Tyler, who also operates a tour business, has a national reputation for pulling off big events. She helped produce a gay-rights "March on Washington," drawing 750,000 marchers, and is organizing another march this April and expects 1 million participants.

Pitkin County defeated Amendment 2 by a 3 to 1 margin. Voters statewide, however, pushed the measure to a 53 to 47 percent win. The amendment negates gay-protection ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver. Lawsuits are pending to test the amendment in court.

"We are not blaming Aspen," for Amendment 2, Tyler said. "But we are not running away from the face of adversity in Colorado."

She said that 22 percent of the disposible income in the country is in gay households.

Aspen merchants know all about the buying power of homosexuals. Gay Ski Week rings the cash registers in town.

Several groups already have canceled events in Denver due to the amendment even though Gov. Roy Romer and other state officials strongly opposed the amendment.

Unlike previous years, January's Gay Ski Week "will be very, very loud," said local gay activist Robert Aikens.

Tyler endorsed the same strategy. "We are not intimidated," she said. "We are not asking for acceptance. We are demanding our civil rights.

"I don't care if a gay skis or not. Every gay or lesbian should get their ass in Colorado for gay ski week."

Gay Rights Backed in Russia. Renouncing a Stalin-era code of morality that condemned homosexuality as a crime, Russian President Boris Yeltsin yesterday (October 28) proposed a new criminal code that would life a longstanding ban on "male love."

Hundreds of men have been sentenced to labor camps under Article 121-1 of the Russian Criminal Code, a statute inherited from Soviet law that makes sex between men punishable by up to five years in prison.

Yeltsin's proposal, part of an overhaul of the penal code, would wipe that law from the books. But parliament must approve the new criminal statutes, and some gay activists fear that conservative legislators will resist the changes.

Court says gays in military OK in Canada. Gays in the Canadian military will no longer face discrimination that barred them from careers in the armed forces,

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Meetings for December

the Department of National Defense announced in October.

The decision came after the Federal Court of Canada ruled that restrictions on gays in the military are contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"The Canadian Forces will comply fully," Gen. John deChastelain said in a statement from ottawa.

The court case involved Michelle Douglas, a lesbian drummed out of the Air Force in 1989. The ruling by Judge Andrew MacKay said Douglas' rights had been denied and that any military policies "that have evolved regarding the service of homosexuals in the Canadian Armed Forces are contrary to the Charter." ▼

Group Meetings for December

Amendment 2 Counter Defense Team. Dec 19, fund raiser scheduled at Penthouse. For details call Louis at 382-8827.

B-GALA, CC. No report.

B-GALA, UCCS. No report.

CGRA. Colorado Gay Rodeo Association. Dec 7, 7:30, membership meeting. Dec 21, 7:00, board meeting.

CMI. Count Me In. No Report.

CO-AOP. Coming Out - An Ongoing Process. Dec 7, 7:00 PM. Call Helpline for location.

Dignity Dec 5, 7:00, Mass. Dec 19, 7:00, Mass. Sacred Heart Church, 21st & W Colorado. Dec 10, 6:30 PM, Pot Luck Dinner and Discussion. Call Michael, 635-5773 for all details.

FLO. For Ladies Only. Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM. Call Laurie, 473-6372.

GIC. Gender Identity Center. No report.

GLAA. Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets every Monday and every Friday at 8:00 PM. Call Helpline for details.

GLASG. Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group. Meets every Monday at 5:30 PM. Call Regina, 636-1711.

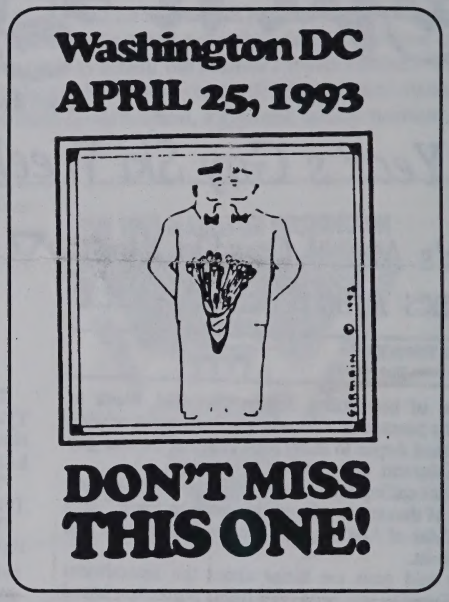
GTO. Good Times Organization. December 12, 6:30 PM. Call Alan, 596-4485 or Laurie , 473-6372.

The Group. No report.

LCC. Lesbians Choosing Children. Meetings always 2nd Saturday, 10:30 AM. This will be 12/12; call Carol or Shelley for location and other details, 570-1599.

LGRC. Lesbians & Gays Raising Children. No report.

MABLE. Married But Lesbian. No report.



MCC. Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church. 3:30 every Sunday, choir rehearsal. 5:00 every Sunday, church services. 7:00 every Friday, Bingo. Noon every Saturday, Bingo. This month: Carol Sing, 6:15 on December 20, and Candlelight Service at 10:30 PM on December 24.

MOM. Men-Oriented Men. No report.

NP. *New Phazes*. No issue during December. However, there is a NP dance at the Unitarian Church (MCC) on December 19, from 8:30 PM to midnight.

OTA. One To Another. No report.

P-FLAG. Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays. December 9, 6:30, Sacred Heart.

S-CAP. Southern Colorado AIDS Project. December 8, 5:30, board meeting. December 9, speakers training, 5:30.

Upstart. Upstart Performing Ensemble. Performances of "Luv" on December 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, and 19. ▼

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Events Calendar

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LCC - Lesbians Choosing Children
LGRC - Lesbians & Gays Raising Children
MABLE - Married But Lesbian
MCC - Metropolitan Community Church
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NP - *New Phazes*
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S-CAP - Southern Colorado AIDS Project (578-9092)

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